

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION - SSE

23 September 1948

The Chairman, SSE, was present at the 69th Meeting of the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee.

When SANACC 304/16 was reached as the third item on the Committee's agenda, the Chairman and State Member, Mr. Saltzman, asked the Subcommittee Chairman to speak on the subject. The Subcommittee Chairman stated that following the approval by SANACC of 304/12 as a basis for further planning, the Subcommittee believed that under its responsibility it was essential to proceed with more intensive analysis for planning purposes which would require the consultants on the subjects enumerated in the paper.

General Draper, Army Member, brought up the fact that this would require considerable personnel. The Subcommittee Chairman pointed out that it was not the intention of the Subcommittee to request full time personnel and that in recognition of the possible ambiguity of the paper in this regard but to avoid paper work, the Subcommittee members had been requested to make clear to their Departments that the request was for personnel on a consultative and not on a full time basis. General Draper then stated that he saw no objection to approval of the paper and general approval was formally signified.

Mr. Whitney, Air Force Member, stated his full agreement to the point of view expressed by the Subcommittee Chairman, and added that SANACC has the responsibility since the National Security Council has not acted. Mr. Kenney, Army Member, asked what the position of the National Security Council was in relation to the work of the Subcommittee. Mr. Moseley, SANACC Secretariat, stated that Mr. Souers, NSC Executive Secretary, believed that the SANACC Subcommittee should continue its work until the matter of final responsibility was decided. Mr. Blum, representing the Secretary of Defense, added in reply to Mr. Kenney that the State Department has under consideration its proposal to the National Security Council to take over this planning. Mr. Whitney commented at this point that he saw no reason for SANACC to refer to any other authority so long as it had the responsibility.

The Subcommittee Chairman then stated that the approval by SANACC of 304/12 and 304/14 had taken place some time before.

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the proposal had been made that State take under consideration the responsibility for directing planning, and in view of the absence of positive decisions affecting overt psychological warfare, which constituted 90% of psychological warfare operations in World War II, the Subcommittee, conscious of its responsibility in the light of international tension, felt the obligation to continue planning as effectively as possible and that this paper represented its intention.

Mr. Saltzman then suggested that paragraph 6(a) be amended to read: "should nominate a suitable temporary official or officer to serve with each of the following working groups on matters of overt psychological warfare". The Committee then formally approved the paper with this amendment.

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